

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000  
Public Law 106-393  
**Title II Project Submission Form**  
**Northeast Oregon Forests Resource Advisory**  
**Committee**

**1. Project Number** (Assigned by Designated Federal Official): UN-WAW04-004

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| <b>2. Project Name:</b> Youth Resource Crew   | <b>3. County:</b> Union       |
| <b>4. Project Sponsor:</b> La Grande Ranger District and the Training & Employment Consortium (TEC) | <b>5. Date:</b> 11-6-2002     |
| <b>6. Sponsor's Phone Number:</b> TEC: 541-963-7942 FS: 541-962-8530                                |                               |
| <b>7. Sponsors E-mail:</b> TEC: trichel@tecteam.org   | <b>FS:</b> dbarrett@fs.fed.us |

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| <b>8. Project Location:</b> Work will occur throughout La Grande District in Union County. Most work will be concentrated on the North Fork of Catherine Creek. (attach project area map)   |                                      |
| a. 4 <sup>th</sup> Field Watershed Name and HUC #: Grande Ronde and others  |                                      |
| b. 5 <sup>th</sup> Field Watershed Name and HUC # (if known): Catherine Creek, Beaver Creek, and others   |                                      |
| c. Location: Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____<br>Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____<br>Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____<br>Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN UNION CO<br>Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____<br>Township _____ Range _____ Section(s) _____ |                                      |
| d. BLM District   | e. BLM Resource Area                 |
| f. National Forest Wallowa-Whitman  | g. Forest Service District La Grande |
| h. State / Private / Other lands involved? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  |                                      |

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| <b>9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:</b>  |
| <b>Goal:</b> Accomplish beneficial forest health and riparian restoration projects, by employing the energy of "at risk" youth. <b>For Natural Resources:</b> Youth will lend their hands and minds to the tasks of restoring riparian habitats, reducing fire danger in the Urban-Wildland Interface, fighting an outbreak of mountain pine beetles, and improving recreation areas for others to enjoy. <b>For Youth:</b> Hundreds of youth in Union County become involved in the Juvenile Justice system each year. This project is designed to give juvenile justice system youth, who are "on the brink of success", the assistance they need to succeed. |
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**10. Project Description:** The Youth Resource Crew Project was funded in 2003 through both a USFS Title II and a TEC Title III grant. **This is the USFS Title II component of the 2004 project.** A 2004 TEC Title III grant will also be pursued. We hope to apply for Title II and Title III grants through 2006. **The USFS is the primary applicant and fiscal agent for the Title II component.** Over a dozen community organizations and state granting authorities are partnering to fund hands-on natural resource work opportunities for youth caught up in the juvenile justice system. A group of 6 youth, age 16-19, will be employed for a 10-week summer period, and a number of weekends during the field season. A few mainstream youth may be included. The project blends work in riparian area management, fish and wildlife management, reforestation, noxious weed identification and control, wildfire management, forest engineering and recreation.

**Primary resource projects (some multi-year) include:**

Continuing **restoration of riparian areas heavily damaged by uncontrolled recreation use** on the North Fork of **Catherine Creek**, (the District's Featured Watershed for 2004, Pac-Fish Priority Watershed, endangered spring Chinook salmon spawning); **Beaver Creek** (City of La Grande municipal watershed, Pac Fish Key Watershed, salmon and steelhead spawning); and **other riparian areas**. Crews will identify and kill noxious weeds, restore native plant species, decommission roads, improve campsites, install structures to control vehicles & people in the riparian zone. Target species: Chinook salmon, steelhead and bull trout.

**Reduce wildfire danger to private dwellings and the Community of Cove** in Urban-Wildland Interface Zones. The focus is Mill Creek watershed (District Interagency Fire Plan Emphasis Area) and private residences in the Boulder Park recreation area. Crews will construct fire breaks, and dispose of excess fuels.

**Combat an emerging Mountain Pine Beetle infestation** in Mill Creek, an Urban-Wildland Interface Zone. Crews will assist in dispersing pheromone capsules, checking trees for signs of insect damage, mapping "insect hits", and monitoring treatment effectiveness.

**Crews will improve 15 campsites and 5 short streamside trails, maintain 5 trails and 4 campgrounds, and repair bridges.**

**Youth benefits include:** Youth will participate in a **science based education program**, provided by TEC, designed to enhance understanding of project tasks. Credit toward High School completion will be awarded. The Community Resource Team and TEC will assist with youth development needs.

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| <b>11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <b>X</b> No   |

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| <b>12. How does proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation?</b> [Sec. 203(b)(1)]                           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure. [Sec. 2(b)]                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems. [Sec. 2(b)] |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restores and improves land health. [Sec. 2(b)]                                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restores water quality. [Sec. 2(b)]   |

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| <b>13. Project Type</b> (check one) [Sec. 203(b)(1)]                                   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road Decommission/Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]              | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)]           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Productivity Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(B)]               | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(C)]    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watershed Restoration & Mntc. [Sec. 2(b)(2)(D)]    | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)]                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)]     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish Native Species [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)]                  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]:                  |   |

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| <b>14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes</b> [Sec. 203(b)(5)] |                                   |
| a. Total Acres: 20   | b. Total Miles: 1                 |
| c. No. Structures: 25  | d. Est. People Reached            |
| e. No. Laborer Days: 668   | 8 youth and through news coverage |
| f. Other (specify):  |                                   |

**15. Estimated Completion Date:** [Sec. 203(b)(2)]: This is a multi-year project. We expect it to continue through 2006.

**16. Target Species Benefited:** Federally listed spring Chinook salmon, steelhead trout, and bull trout will be benefited by the streamside restoration. Lynx will be benefited by control of Mountain Pine Beetle.

**17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved?**  
An unusually large number of community partners are involved in this project. There are fifteen direct partners and several other county agencies involved in various capacities. County and media support has been very good and will continue. Partners and the community will learn about youth projects,

creating appreciation for improvements they have made. This success story may be a model for other “at risk” youth advocacy partnerships.

This project will capitalize on the relationship of youth to natural systems; restoring the health of youth through their efforts to restore the health of forests. Youth will learn how stand densities, insect infestation, and fuels affect forest health.<sup>7</sup> They will understand the function of riparian areas, how to protect them, how to manage recreation use there, and how to monitor management actions.

Understanding is the best way to change behavior. Youth learn best from experience. These youth will be stewards, carrying new understanding and behaviors to families and friends; becoming the next generation of our land’s stewards.

**18. How is this project in the best public interest? Community Benefits:** Many juvenile justice youth re-offend. Some eventually are incarcerated, at great public cost. This project assists youth who are on the “verge of success” to be fully successful, regain their personal and community esteem, and leave the juvenile justice system. Immediate and long-term community benefits are huge for every person redirected toward a productive life. Community safety is improved. Fines, restitution, and community service requirements are satisfied. **Youth Benefits:** Hundreds of youth are involved in the juvenile justice system in Union County. Opportunities for young people to “turn over a new leaf”, after they are convicted, are very limited in a small town. This project gives juvenile justice youth the “leg up” they need to: 1. Create a positive work history and employment recommendations. 2. Earn credits toward high school graduation. 3. Complete court ordered obligations. 4. Develop positive self-esteem. 5. Re-establish a good reputation in the community. 6. Enhance their appreciation and understanding of forest and natural resource issues. 7. Obtain work experience in forestry. 8. Increase assets and competency.

**19. How does the project benefit federal lands/resources?** Natural resource issues are becoming increasingly complex and political. Use of federal lands is changing. Lasting learning comes from experience. These youth will become “stewards” of the areas in which they work. They will assess them, understand them, fix them, and monitor them. They will share this knowledge with friends and family throughout their lives as they hunt, fish, and camp in Union county. This is a highly effective way to educate people and effect positive change in behaviors. Ample newspaper coverage will increase interest in the projects. Several terribly abused stream- side recreation areas will be closed and restored. Obliterated recreation sites will be replaced with new campsites away from the stream where they will not damage riparian function. Special places which County residents and visitors love will be better maintained. Forest Health will be improved.

## 20. Status of Project Planning

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| a. NEPA Complete:                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |   |
| If no, give est. date of completion:              |   |                             |   |
| c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |   |
| d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete:        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |   |
| e. Survey & Manage Complete:                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| f. DSL/ODFW* Permits for In-stream Work Obtained: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not |
| g. DSL/COE* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained:     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes            | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not |
| h. SHPO* Concurrence Received:                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| i. Project Design(s) Completed:                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |   |

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| <b>21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment</b> <i>(check those that apply)</i> |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contract   | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Workforce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Workforce                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): Youth Crew                 |  |

**22. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials?** [Sec. 204(e)(3)]

☒ Yes      ☐ No    Forest health projects (thinning, insect management, etc) will improve the quality and quantity of wood products available to market. Maintenance and improvement of recreation facilities will contribute to the local tourism industry, the third largest industry in Union County.

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| <b>23. Anticipated Project Costs</b> [Sec. 203(b)(3)]  |                           |
| a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: \$75,000   |                           |
| b. Is this a multi-year funding request? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, then display by fiscal year |                           |
| c. FY02 Request:   | f. FY05 Request: \$20,000 |
| d. FY03 Request: Awarded \$10,000 but requested \$20,000.  | g. FY06 Request: \$20,000 |
| e. FY04 Request: \$15,000  |                           |

**Table 1. Project Cost Analysis CASH ONLY – IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS =+ \$22,000**

| Item   | Column A<br>Fed. Agency<br>Appropriated<br>Contribution<br>[Sec. 203(b)(4)] | Column B<br>Requested<br>County Title II<br>Contribution<br>[Sec. 203(b)(4)] | Column C<br>Other<br>Contributions<br>[Sec. 203(b)(4)] | Column D<br>Total<br>Available<br>Funds |
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| 24. Field Work & Site Surveys  |   |  |  |   |
| 25. NEPA & Sec. 7 ESA Consultation                                       |   |  |  |   |
| 26. Permit Acquisition   |   |  |  |   |
| 27. Project Design & Engineering   |   |  |  |   |
| 28. Contract Preparation   |   |  |  |   |
| 29. Contract Administration  |   |  |  |   |
| 30. Contract Cost  |   |  |  |   |
| 31. Workforce Cost(crew wage only)                                       | \$11,000  | \$ 10,489  | \$38,600   | \$62,600                                |
| 32. Materials & Supplies   | \$ 9,000  |  | \$ 5,000   | \$14,000                                |
| 33. Monitoring (PART OF PROJECT)   |   |  |  |   |
| 34. Other VEHICLES for crew  |   | \$ 3,400   | \$ 5,000   | \$10,400                                |
| 35. Project Sub-Total  | \$20,000  | \$ 13,800  |  |   |
| 36. Indirect Costs (Overhead @ 8%)<br>(per year for multi-year projects) | \$1,600   | \$ 1,111   |  | \$ 2,711                                |
| <b>37. Total Cost Estimate</b>   | <b>\$21,600</b>   | <b>\$ 15,000</b>   | <b>\$48,600</b>  | <b>\$ 85,200</b>                        |

**38. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding for Project Identified Above** [Sec. 203(b)(4)] (max. 7 lines)

**CASH:** RAC Title III - \$15,600; USFS Youth Fee Demo Challenge Grant - \$10,000; FS Fee Demo Youth Crew Grant \$9,000; Community College Opportunity Grant -\$4,000.

**IN-KIND:** Ameri Corp - \$4,000; The Training and Employment Consortium (TEC) - \$5,000; Union County Juvenile Department -\$5,000; Oregon Youth Authority -\$5,000; Juvenile Crime Prevention - \$5000; Union County Schools and Education Service District - \$6,000.

### 39. Monitoring Plan [Sec. 203(b)(6)]

- a. **What measures or evaluations will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired ecological conditions? Who is responsible for this monitoring item?:** Riparian restoration will be monitored by the youth. Permanent photo-point will be established and revisited each year. Annual on-the-ground reviews with the district hydrologist will be written up by the youth. Monitoring by fish biologists, hydrologists, and recreation managers will be accomplished as part of our regular program of monitoring.
- b. **How will the project be evaluated to determine how well the proposed project contributes towards local employment and/or training opportunities, including summer youth jobs programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps? [Who is responsible for this monitoring item?:** There will be quarterly reviews done by the Union County Resource Team to evaluate the success of youth and develop additional resources as needed. TEC will monitor educational and employment progress being made by each youth, and will facilitate youth receiving credits for high school completion. TEC will monitor the overall number of youth served and will provide follow-up services for twelve months to track employment of youth after they leave the project. Success will be measured by the number of youth that complete the project and integrate successfully into the community.
- c. **What methods and measures of evaluation will be established to determine how well the proposed project improves the use of, or added value to, any products removed from National Forest System lands consistent with the purposes of this Act? Who is responsible for this monitoring item?:** Recreation use will be regularly monitored as described in the Forest Plan. The District silviculturist will monitor the effectiveness of Mountain Pine Beetle treatments, and make necessary proposals to harvest merchantable dead trees associated with the infestation. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. **Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, Item 33)**  
**Amount** Monitoring costs are included in project costs. Monitoring activities will be performed primarily by youth with oversight by FS personnel.

Project Name: Youth Resource Crew

## **County Commissioner Concurrence**

(Majority Required per charter)

A majority of the county commissioners of \_\_\_\_\_ County  
have reviewed this proposed Public Law 106-393 project for the  
Advisory Council and agree with the proposal as submitted, except for the comments noted  
below:

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Attested by Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Priority Rating:

☐ High    ☐ Medium    ☐ Low

Comments/Rational: